

FRAT MEN ALL SMOKE

Phi Delta Make Things Blue About Convention Hall.

"DICK" LITTLE MAKES SPEECH

Night Is Made Pleasant by Reminiscences and Stories Dear to the Greek Letter Men's Heart—Dance to Be Given Friday Night—Meeting Will Be Continued To-day.

The Phi Delta Theta smoker was held last night.

With a record-breaking crowd present, and the boys of the old school mixing with those of the new, Raucher's Hall was packed to its capacity.

College yells, songs, and stunts too numerous to mention, prevailed throughout the evening, and news from the front at an early hour this morning was to the effect that the smoker was still in full blast.

It was really a smoker. To prove it was nothing else, each guest was handed a package of three cigars as he entered the hall of mirth. Hundreds of delegates who are attending the twenty-ninth biennial convention of the Phi Delta Theta in Washington took in the smoker.

When the entertainment was at its height and good cheer was flowing among the members like water, some one yelled speech. Taking advantage of the situation, Richard Henry Little, war correspondent, "etc.," of Chicago, climbed upon the balcony, not as Juliet, but as the fraternity idol, and announced that the delegates and members of the Washington Alumni would give a dance Friday evening.

Little Makes Speech.
"My agents will now pass among you, gentlemen," Mr. Little said, "and all those desiring to subscribe to the dance will be set back two plunks and one-half." There were cries of "More!" but Mr. Little had his say and appeared before the audience no more.

As the clouds (tobacco smoke) cleared away, Gen. Lee Fairchild, of New York, was introduced to the throng. His remarks were short and sweet, as he stated that he appreciated the fact that the boys were not there to listen to speeches. President Frank J. R. Mitchell was hoisted to a platform, but declined to talk for the same reason.

All Kinds of Entertainers.

In addition to several professional entertainers who had been provided by the committee, there were several stunts by local men. Cartoons of men of national and international fame were portrayed by A. H. Berryman. Father Lindley, one of the founders of the organization, had his likeness sketched from life. The cartoon will be framed and preserved for the fraternity. John Joy Edson, Jr., gave a recitation. Following these stunts, there were a few pass words, and the crowd started in to take advantage of the smoker which had been arranged for their benefit.

Hugh T. Miller, one of the fraternity men, and lieutenant governor of Indiana, attended the affair, as did many of the other distinguished members of the order.

Ritual Probably Will Stand.

Yesterday's business sessions of the Phi Deltas at the New Willard were devoted to a discussion of whether the ritual should be changed. At the convention two years ago a committee was appointed to prepare a revised ceremonial system. The suggestion has met with opposition, and it was decided yesterday to let the present ritual stand.

Expansionists and anti-expansionists are everywhere about the New Willard. Every one is on one side or the other, and a spirited contest is in sight as to whether any new chapters will be taken in at this meeting. A great deal of lobbying is already in full swing on both sides. Several surprises will be brought out this morning, when, it is understood, an effort will be made to take South Dakota and other chapters into the fraternity.

Miss Ethel Wilder, of Louisville, Ky., who is known as the daughter of the fraternity, arrived yesterday to attend the convention. She has several brothers who are active members. During the meeting held at Louisville she was promoted to a great many ways in assisting and arranging entertainments for the delegates and visitors, and there earned the title.

Dick Little as a Dark Horse.

Miss Wilder always attends the conventions, no matter where they are held, and is a great favorite among the members, young and old. Some time ago she designed a flag for the fraternity that made a prominent place in the convention halls. It is known as the "Wilder Flag."

While the election of officers will not take place for several days, there is considerable gossip as to who will be the successor of Frank J. R. Mitchell, of Chicago. There are prospects that a dark horse, or even two or three, will make an appearance before the final vote is cast, and as a result even the well-known members are unable to foretell the result.

Dick Little, who is known as one of the whitest men in the fraternity, has been mentioned as a possibility.

It is customary to select a president from the five members of the general council. President Mitchell, who is to retire, will not be eligible for a second term, according to the laws of the organization. John H. Davis, of Nashville, the first reporter, has been mentioned, and is being urged by many to accept, if the opportunity presents itself.

Arthur M. McCrillis, the historian, and who hails from Providence, is another possibility, and from present indications is sharing honors with Samuel K. Felt, of Indianapolis. There is another faction that is advocating the election of John B. Bailey, of Coonapon, Ohio.

The fraternity delegates will attend the New National Theater in a body this evening. A trip will be made to Mount Vernon to-morrow. There will be a banquet at the hotel in the evening.

NOTES OF THE PHI DELTS.

Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, was registered at the New Willard yesterday. A story was circulated that Mr. Bok was one of the active members of the Phi Delta Theta. To get matters straightened out and to find if Mr. Bok was really a Phi Delt, a reporter hunted up Dick Little, the idol, and asked him the question. "Mr. Bok, a member of the Phi?" said Mr. Little. "Well, hardly. This isn't a woman's convention."

One of the most enthusiastic "boys" who visited the Congressional Library on Monday evening was Father John Wolfe Lindley, of Ohio, the only living survivor of the six original founders of the Phi Delta Theta. While wandering through the immense building, Father Lindley accidentally met a relative whom he had not seen for many years. The two admired the magnificent building, and spent the evening conversing about old times in Ohio. The time passed so rapidly that neither realized the hour, and had a narrow escape from being locked up all night. Father Lindley was telling the

BUSY DELEGATES AT THE PHI DELTA THETA CONVENTION.



other boys the joke yesterday, and appreciated it more than they did. "It would have been an honor," he says, "to have slept in such a fine structure as the Congressional Library."

Several dozen members of the fraternity are accompanied by their wives. Informal receptions are held about the hotel, and there is no lack of effort made on the part of the majority of the delegates and visitors to entertain the feminine visitors. Miss Ethel Wilder, known as the daughter of the fraternity, arrived yesterday, and, together with the fraternity members' wives, is arranging and planning different entertainments for the officers and delegates.

California is represented by three delegates, who have traveled across the continent to attend the twenty-ninth biennial convention of the Phi. Victor Henderson and Louis Hickey are from the University of California, at Berkeley. Stanford's delegate is Noel Burke. The California boys are nicknamed the "Earthquake refugees."

A large number of Kentucky delegates and visitors are present. Among others is Col. Gill, of Lancaster, coming from Kentucky, having the name of Gill, and being fond of—But, anyway, the boys have a good deal of fun at the expense of Col. Gill.

Several stands where all sorts of fraternity stick pins and other jewelry, and such necessities are displayed, have been established on the tenth floor of the New Willard. Here one can get anything from a hatpin to a pocketbook, and each properly engraved with Greek letters. The stands are conducted by brother members of the fraternity.

Dick Little, who has been in the newspaper business for more than a hundred years, and who has a national reputation as a war correspondent, has been writing the names of millions of people for publication during his time. But how he hates to see his own name misspelled in the newspapers! Yesterday he was rating a great disturbance about the hotel and stairs and down, because one of the local papers had his middle initial as "C" instead of "H," which, by the way, stands for Henry. "When people come to me and complain about their names being misspelled, I usually tell them to go to the dickens," Richard said yesterday, "but hereafter I shall apologize and offer a correction."

Gen. Lee Fairchild, of New York, is one of the well-known Phi delegates at the convention. He is called General, because his life assisted in the opening of both the McKinley campaign, with Thomas B. Reed, in 1896, and Senator Lodge, in 1900. On the eve of the war with Spain, Gen. Fairchild sprang a sensation in Washington by writing a poem which appeared in one of the newspapers. It ran:

We have a thousands guns; what have we made them for,
If in times like these to speak the speech of war?
Let's fight or quit our brag and take our banner back,
Paint white our ships again and paint the White House black.

NIAGARA QUESTION OPEN.

Taft Will Render No Decision Until First of Year.

Secretary Taft told the attorneys for the Canadian power companies which are seeking permits to import electricity generated on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls into the United States that he would not reach a decision in the matter until after he had had a conference with Secretary of State Root on the subject. It is probable, however, that Secretary Taft will issue permits for the importation of 157,500 horsepower, which is the recommendation of Capt. Kutz, of the Engineer Corps, and which he believes will not impair the beauty of the falls to produce by the subtraction of water. He announced that he would not be able to give his decision much before the close of the year.

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JOHN D.'S MORALS DEPREAVED

So Declares Professor of Sociology at University of Minnesota.

In His Classification of Americans He Denies Rockefeller Place Near the Top.

Minneapolis, Nov. 27.—John D. Rockefeller's morals are depraved, according to Prof. A. E. Jenks, of the department of sociology at the University of Minnesota. Prof. Jenks talked to his classes to-day on the basis of American growth.

"It is the middle class of farmers that form the backbone of American progress," he began.

"The men and women who are physically strong, who have good intellects and sound morals, are the only Americans who can lay claim to being members of the highest society, and the largest proportion of these come either directly or indirectly from the best families of the rural communities."

When asked where he would place such men as John D. Rockefeller, Prof. Jenks stated that in point of vitality and intellectuality, Rockefeller would come under the highest social classification were it not for his depraved morals.

It is the moral requisite, he said, that is the great stumbling block to the rich classes, and which causes the disqualification of many modern geniuses, who would otherwise rank with the really eminent men and women of the world.

WAR WRITERS REUNITE HERE.

Ten war correspondents from all parts of the United States, and who were in the Japanese-Russian war, representing different newspapers and magazines, are in Washington, and met yesterday for the first time since peace was declared.

Several of them came here to attend the wedding of Stanley Washburn, one of the correspondents, and the others are in the city for various purposes.

One of the number, Richard Henry Little, of Chicago, is attending the convention of the Phi Delta Theta at the New Willard. James T. F. Archibald, of Washington, one of the number, has arranged for a meeting of the veterans, which will probably be held this afternoon or during the evening at the University Club.

The ten correspondents who met in Washington by a peculiar coincidence are Martin Egan, William Brill, of this city; Oscar King Davis, Washington; John Bass, Chicago; Richard Barry, San Francisco; Stanley Washburn, Minneapolis; Robert Dunn, of Collier's Weekly; Hector Fuller, formerly of Indianapolis; James T. F. Archibald, this city, and Richard Henry Little, Chicago.

The dinner being arranged by Mr. Archibald will be in the form of a reunion and for the purpose of talking over "Old Times on the Front."

OLD POLICE OFFICER DEAD.

Lieut. Vernon, on Force Forty-five Years, Passes Away.

Lieut. Charles R. Vernon, who had been on the Metropolitan police force for over forty-five years, died last night at his residence, 805 F street southwest, after an illness of about three months. Lieut. Vernon was born in Alexandria County, Va., September 20, 1832. He entered the local police force at the time of its organization—1851—and was the last surviving member of the original body. In 1875 he was made a lieutenant, which position he held until 1877, when he was placed in command of the detective force.

In 1878 he was appointed captain and inspector. From that time on he held all the important offices at the headquarters until, because of ill health, he was relieved from the more active duties and made lieutenant of No. 4 precinct.

Three years ago Lieut. Vernon was compelled to retire from the force because of failing health. He was one of the few men who occupied every office on the local police force.

The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Fannie A. Vernon, and two daughters, Mrs. Laura V. Montgomery and Mrs. Nellie G. Hunt.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. on Thursday from his late residence. The interment will be at the Congressional Cemetery.

PEARYS ARRIVE TO-MORROW

Arctic Explorer Will Spend His Thanksgiving in Washington.

Refuses to Discuss Subject of Future Trips, but Defends His Method of Seeking Pole.

Boston, Nov. 27.—Commander Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, arrived here at 9:40 to-night from Sydney, N. S. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peary and A. J. Quigley, of New York, a personal friend. The party left for New York at midnight by train.

Commander Peary said he would remain in New York but a short time to-morrow, as he was anxious to get to Washington in order to spend Thanksgiving with his children. He thought he might see some of the members of the Arctic Club while in New York. As to making any more trips in search of the pole, the explorer said he had not given that subject any thought, his chief anxiety being to get home as quickly as possible.

Mr. Peary said he believed he would have reached the pole had there not been such an unusually open season and heavy storms, which broke up his system of relay arranged to bring up food as he dashed north over the ice. He was asked if it would not have been feasible to have used canoes in the open water, as Nansen did, but to this Peary replied that he did not think so, on account of the number of people he had with him. In Nansen's case, he explained, there were but two men in the party.

Commander Peary's appearance did not suggest his having suffered any privations. He was slightly tanned and robust. He said his health had been excellent.

CHIEF MOORE REPRIMANDED.

President Orders Ceremony, and Secretary Wilson Executes It.

Willis P. Moore, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, has been reprimanded.

Official announcement to this effect was made to-day by the Secretary of Agriculture. He was hauled over the coals by order of the President for transferring from the bureau in Washington to New Orleans a government printer who had arranged to pay strike assessments to the Typographical Union, and compelling other bureau compositors to pay the assessments.

The ceremony took place several days ago. While there were no witnesses, it is understood that Secretary Wilson summoned Pres. Moore, told him that it had been decided that he had done wrong, and warned him not to do it again.

WORKED "BLUFF" ON TEDDY.

Civil Engineer Says Show of Activity Was All for Effect.

Portland, Me., Nov. 27.—Writing to his father in this city, Edgar K. Wilson, a Maine civil engineer, employed on the Panama Canal job, said that a "bluff" was worked when President Roosevelt was there. All the steam shovels, some of which had been idle most of the year, made their appearance in the city on the day that had long been in discussion was industriously engaged in shoveling away at a bank and throwing the dirt on the other side, when the President's special train passed.

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Medical Experts Strong Witnesses for Prosecution.

STATE'S CASE IS NEARING END

Physicians Declare Injuries to Grace Brown's Head Were Inflicted Before Girl Fell or Was Thrown Into the Water—Line of Defense Is Still Kept Secret—Facts Chiefly Negative.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 27.—The prosecution in the case of Chester Gillette neared its close to-day, with the introduction of more medical testimony in an attempt to prove that Grace Brown was dead before her body went into the water of Big Moose Lake.

The cross-examination of Dr. E. H. Douglass took up the greater part of the morning testimony. When he had left the stand, after the most thorough examination possible, three more of the experts who had performed the autopsy on the girl's body were called. They were Dr. George H. Smith, Dr. W. H. S. Hayes, and Dr. S. S. Richards. Dr. Richards was still on the stand when the afternoon session closed to-day.

The result of the day's session was simply to add to the weight of the evidence brought forth by the prosecution in an attempt to prove that the drowning theory was untenable, and the girl's death resulted from injuries received before she fell, was thrown, or threw herself into the water where her body was found. Each physician, as he took the stand, described the injuries found on the girl's head and face.

Wound Received Before Death.

Each explained that the wounds were received before death, and they were unanimous in the opinion that the clot on the girl's brain was sufficient to cause insensibility or death, either of which would be sufficient to place the burden of her killing on the defendant.

The defense spent an immense amount of time in cross-examining the witnesses. It is plain that Gillette's attorneys are laying the foundation for their case, but both Mr. Mills and Mr. Thomas are as secretive as ever as to what their case will be.

"You will find out when we open, probably to-morrow, and then you will be surprised," they say.

There was a good deal of discussion concerning the holding of court on Thanksgiving Day before Judge Devens decided that there would be no session on the holiday.

Facts Chiefly Negative.

The facts which the prosecution brought out to-day were for the most part negative, going to prove that symptoms usually found in the bodies of drowned persons were lacking. One of the few additional positive facts was brought out in the examination of Dr. George H. Smith. He testified that he had found some congealed blood in the girl's nostrils.

"Would blood congeal if it mingled freely with water?" asked the prosecutor.

"No," replied the witness.

This bit of testimony may be of considerable importance if the defense, as seems likely, puts forward the claim that the injuries found were received after she was submerged in the water of Big Moose Lake.

An incident which broke into the regular medical examination was the recalling for cross-examination by the defense of Rev. Mr. Cuthbert Frost. In his direct testimony, he said that on the evening of July 13 he had heard Gillette say to a number of men playing cards in the lobby of the Glenmore Hotel:

"Have you heard of the tragedy at Big Moose?"

On cross-examination, which was very thorough, he said that the word "tragedy" was a slip of his tongue, which he had tried to correct with the word "drowning." He also apparently wanted to explain that on further thought he had decided that he was not absolutely sure that it had been Gillette who had asked this question, although it still remained a distinct impression on his mind.

When asked if he was sure that he had met Mr. Miller, one of the parties to the conversation, who, he thought, had told him that one of the other members of the card party, and not Gillette, had been the author of the remark.

Early in the day the prosecution introduced evidence to prove Grace Brown's condition. The defense, as usual, objected strenuously to the admission of the testimony.

The introduction of the exhibit was allowed. It is said that among other witnesses the defense will bring forward some of Gillette's former friends from Cortland to testify that he had honorably intentions toward the girl. Several witnesses who were subpoenaed by the prosecution and have not as yet been used have been re-subpoenaed by the defense.

SHAW DENOUNCED BY PRESS.

Pittsburg Papers Severe in Their Criticism of Secretary's Action.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 27.—Pittsburg continues to be bitterly indignant over the Secretary of the United States Treasury Leslie M. Shaw yesterday snapping his fingers in the face of President English, of the Chamber of Commerce.

The paper-to-day team with editorials criticizing Shaw. The Press (Republican) says to-night, in part:

"Secretary Shaw can select any post-office that he pleases; he may call names at the most reputable business men in the city while a lot of petty politicians applaud; but he will never be able to efface the painful impression he created by his ill-timed conduct."

"A country banker and prairie politician, Mr. Shaw has made a record for managing the Treasury Department on unique lines. And even in buying post-office sites Mr. Shaw is a politician."

The Dispatch said this morning: "No one can conceive in advance such a series of blunders from a member of the National Cabinet, of prejudice, bad taste, and bad manners, as that afforded by Secretary Shaw at the morning hearing yesterday."

The selection of the site for the new post-office building in Pittsburg may not be made for a week or two. Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury Department, who arrived yesterday morning from the Smoky City, makes that announcement.

He said that beyond the apparent disposition of the different site factions to cast an occasional fire brand, and to hurl charges of graft at each other, the meeting in Pittsburg yesterday was a perfectly harmonious one.

Discharges Unfaithful Attorney.

The President yesterday directed the summary removal from office of B. K. Pettigill, United States attorney for Porto Rico. This is the direct result of his visit to the island. Pettigill was charged with having taken a suit at law against a fellow officer of the Porto Rican government, and to have made charges, seriously reflecting on his official integrity, which were not sustained.

NEGROES SIT SILENT AS TILLMAN FLAYS

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Would Defy the Law.

"What about the law?" inquired a voice from the audience.

"To hell with South Carolina law," responded the Senator candidly.

"Here in Chicago, with 2,000,000 population, you have some 75,000 negroes. From all appearances, when I reached here, you might have seventy-five white men and the rest of the 2,000,000 negroes."

"I will tell you the trouble with the Southern negroes. It is simply a case of suffrage."

"You negroes don't know the question. Before the South will submit to negro domination, we will send a couple of million blacks to the North, and you'll see the fifteenth amendment repealed very suddenly."

"I don't believe in lynching. But when a Southern man leaves home in the morning, he goes with the thought that his wife and daughters may be attacked in his absence by a negro. I'd rather see my daughters torn limb from limb and eaten by wild men than suffer such a fate."

"I don't believe a living thing should be burned alive, but there must be a way found to prevent this danger."

"I will tell you, before my God, I want to deal with the negro honestly and fairly, but, knowing them as I do, I never can believe they should have the rights of a white man."

Orders Chairman to Stand.

During the speech, angered at the interruptions that came from a negro in the gallery, the audience made a demonstration. It howled and yelled, and demanded that the disturber be put out.

Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler, who sat in the main aisle, about five rows of seats from the stage, quickly left his seat, and started for the stage. By this time the audience was yelling so loud that the Senator could not proceed. He dropped his hands and waited.

Just then Judge Miles S. Macon, who presided, walked to the front of the platform and raised his hand, calling for quiet. The audience would not quiet.

The demonstration had proceeded fully a minute, with mingled hisses and cries of "Put him out." Mr. Tillman faced Judge Macon, pointed his finger at the chair, and ordered him to sit down. This act was not lost on the audience, which broke forth in greater frenzy than before.

Meantime two plain clothes men who sat near the offender in the gallery rushed down the steps. "There he is," "Kick him out," and "Get him, officer," were shouted by the men sitting near. One policeman reached over and grabbed the man by the collar. He resisted. The officer gave a violent jerk, which landed the man out in the aisle. Excitement was at high pitch and it seemed likely that an attempt would be made to do the interrupter bodily injury.

Disobeys Tillman's Directions.

Judge Macon ignored Mr. Tillman's command to sit down, and finally made his voice heard. "I hope," he said, "that the persons will accord Senator Tillman that respect that is due him, and that they will sit in their seats."

"I can't see where you have been hurt yet," with emphasis on the "hurt."

"If you'll wait a minute I'll say something that will touch the raw. I haven't started on this race question. I'm going to start right now."

GREENER ATTACKS TILLMAN.

Tells Negroes They Should Pay Less Attention to Senator.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was bitterly attacked for his anti-negro speeches last night by Richard P. Greener, United States consul to Vladivostok, Russia, in an address made before a literary society of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The name of Tillman was blazed every time the speaker had occasion to mention him.

"Imagine a State like South Carolina, after having her Calhoun and her McDuffy, to be obliged to submit to be represented in the great body of the Senate by a man of the character and baseness of Tillman," he said.

"I say that I myself scorn to smite him in his weakness. The colored people of the United States are giving his inflammatory speeches too much importance," he continued.

Mr. Greener also attacked the efforts of the Southern States. He said: "A Russian Jew, in all his poverty and ignorance, can come to this country and enjoy the name of being an American citizen. He can do this because the men who are native-born American citizens and men who have by their acts of arms defended this nation and are to-day willing to give their life's blood for its protection."

Mr. Greener also touched upon the dismissal of the colored troops from the army, denouncing the action.

BUSINESS MEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Ask for Removal of Botanic Garden Fence.

At a meeting of the Business Men's Association last evening at Gude Hall, Ross P. Andrews presented a letter from the Colonial Cigar Works, of Abingdon, Va., stating that it intended locating a factory somewhere in the East where transportation facilities are available, to manufacture cigars. Information was requested by the proprietors relative to the freight rates by water and rail, and whether \$35,000 could be subscribed.

The plan of the District Commissioners to use electric motors in propelling trains into the new Union Station was also discussed at length.

New officers of the association were elected as follows: William F. Gude, secretary; Col. O. G. Staples, treasurer; Conrad H. Syme, general counsel, and Wilton J. Lambert, associate counsel.

Andrew J. Eddy, of W. W. Eddy, B. F. Anderson, Paul F. Grove, Ben T. Webster, J. D. Morrey, William R. McCloskey, and P. F. Tippet were elected members of the association. The resignations of H. H. Butler and the three Schneider brothers were accepted.

Dr. H. L. E. Johnson offered a resolution calling upon the United States authorities to remove the fence surrounding the Botanic Gardens, and the opening of the park on which it stands to the public.

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